



Informational Notes for Local Officials

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Regional Homeland Security Meetings Set in November & December

Missouri's Governor Bob Holden and Homeland Security Advisor Tim Daniel will host a series of regional meetings with Emergency Management Directors, Mayors, Presiding Commissioners, Health, Fire and Law Enforcement personnel. Local governments are encourage to invite business leaders.

The meetings will focus on the terrorist threat. Specifically each regional meeting will be used to gain a perspective on statewide and local readiness, and to propose improvements to emergency response.

The meeting dates and locations:

- 1 p.m., Nov. 15 at the Ramada Inn, 1100 Vandiver Dr, Columbia
- 1 p.m., Nov. 27 at the Blue River Community College, Western Mo. Public Safety Training Institute, 20301 E. 78 Highway, Independence
- 1 p.m., Nov 29 at the Great Hall, Ramada at Six Flags, 4901 Six Flags Road, Eureka
- 9 a.m., Nov. 30 at Southeast Missouri State University Show-Me Center, 1333 N. Sprigg, Cape Girardeau
- 9 a.m., Dec. 4 at Holiday Inn University Plaza., 333 Sherman Parkway, Springfield.
- 9 a.m., Dec. 13 at Truman State University Violette Hall (Bldg 15), Room 1000, 301 E. Patterson, Kirksville.

Governor Increases Security at Missouri Nuclear Facilities

Governor Bob Holden, heeding warnings from Washington, D.C., sent a contingent of Missouri National Guardmen to enhance existing safeguards at the Callaway Nuclear Plant near Reform, Mo. He also called on the Guard to augment security at the University of Missouri - Columbia Research Reactor. The reactor, far smaller than a nuclear plant used for commercial generation of electricity, is used for research and production of pharmaceuticals for cancer treatment. "While there have been no specific threats against any nuclear facilities in Missouri, I believe it is prudent to send National Guard troops," Gov. Holden said. About 30 members of the 2175th Military Police unit based in St. Clair were being deployed to the two locations.

CDC Confirms Anthrax at K.C. Postal Facility

The Centers for Disease Control confirmed one case of anthrax in Missouri with two positive sample results at Stamp Fulfillment Services (SFS) in Kansas City. The positive sample results reveal that spore contamination was contained within a trash receptacle in the facility.

The State Health Lab in Jefferson City has handled 94 incidents to date and has received 15 additional samples, with just one confirmed case at this time. The lab is operated by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Health officials are coordinating with Stamp Fulfillment Services to provide employees and visitors with the remainder of a 60-day supply of antibiotics. Many of the affected have received a seven-day supply of Doxycycline from Health officials. The positive results do not increase the risk to the general public. No employees or visitors of SFS have tested positive for anthrax or shown symptoms. There is no evidence the nearby Stamp Distribution Network, which sends stamps across the nation, has been exposed to anthrax. SFS will remain closed pending law enforcement investigation and follow-up decontamination. Mail that originated from the Brentwood facility in Washington D.C. remains isolated at the SFS site for further investigation.

Postal Service Guidelines for Dealing With Suspect Mail

The U.S. Postal Service has disseminated some general guidelines on how to identify and deal with suspicious pieces of mail. These guidelines serve as a concise, handy reference for everyone, including the general public. They are as follows:

What should make me suspect a piece of mail?

- It's unexpected or from someone you don't know.
- It's addressed to someone no longer at your address.
- It's handwritten and has no return address or bears one that you can't confirm is legitimate.
- It's lopsided or lumpy in appearance.
- It's sealed with excessive amounts of tape.
- It's marked with restrictive endorsements such as "Personal" or "Confidential."
- It has excessive postage.

What should I do with a suspicious piece of mail?

- Don't handle a letter or package that you suspect is contaminated?
- Don't shake it, bump it, or sniff it.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Notify local law enforcement authorities.

SEMA Training to Expand WMD Course Offerings

The SEMA Training Section is planning revisions to the FY 2002 training calendar to include eight additional courses related to Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). There will be several offerings of each particular course at various locations in the State. The courses include: WMD, Threat & Risk Assessment; WMD for Senior Officials; Medical Considerations for a WMD Event; Legal Aspects of WMD Events; Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts (Train the Trainer) (POST); Law Enforcement Response to WMD Incidents (POST) (MSHP); Biological,

Nuclear, Incendiary, Chemical & Explosives (BNICE); and Public Works: Planning for Responding to a WMD Incident. The courses, dates, and locations will be posted in the Training Calendar on the SEMA webpage (www.sema.state.mo.us/semapage.htm) in the near future.

Special Operations Symposium Focuses on Terrorism Preparedness

The Special Operations Symposium held Oct. 26-28 at Lake of the Ozarks drew more than 250 emergency responders and local officials statewide for programs and workshops on anti-terrorism and bio-chemical/WMD preparedness measures. The event, sponsored by the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute and SEMA, has been held annually for two years. This year's event at the Inn at Grand Glaize was planned months before the terror attacks on September 11th.

Department of Health & Senior Services Conducts Surveillance Program

David Spicer, Emergency Response Coordinator for DHSS says the department has a very active surveillance program underway to help detect any early signs of a bio/chemical attack. Department personnel contact health care providers, hospitals, clinics, etc. three times weekly to monitor signs and symptoms of illness. DHSS, along with the Center for Disease Control, publishes health alert updates as necessary (they are now up to alert # 45 as of this mailing), and is assisting law enforcement in training health advisers, clinics, etc. in evidence detection and gathering. DHSS faxes and e-mails alerts, updates, etc. to all local public health agencies and other providers several times a day. If you would like more information on health related bio/terrorism topics, Mr. Spicer is available to speak at town meetings, emergency worker meetings, or to meet other community requests as his schedule permits. Contact him at Dept. of Health and Senior Services, 920 Wildwood Drive, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102, or phone 573-751-5350. His e-mail address is spiced@mail.state.mo.us.

Media Attention on the Red Cross

The Red Cross has been the subject of much media scrutiny in the last few days. Keeping in mind that Red Cross is one of emergency management's strongest partners, you may be asked about recent media reports of controversy. Dante Gliniecki, Statewide Volunteer Coordinator for SEMA recommends that Red Cross officials answer specific questions from the public. Check with the local Red Cross Chapter or your Zone Lead Unit. Mr. Gliniecki can help you if need general information or points of contact for the Red Cross service delivery unit closest to you.

There is an abundance of comprehensive, accurate and current information on the official Red Cross web site at: <http://www.redcross.org/>

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SEMA wants your feed back on the Informational Bulletins. Please email your comments to Susie Stonner at: sstonner@mail.state.mo.us

Helpful Web Sites for Information on Biological and Chemical Terrorism

The following selected Internet Links can provide useful information to local emergency management directors and local officials on biological and chemical terrorism.

Primary Web Sites

CDC - Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/>

U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID)

<http://www.usamriid.army.mil/>

United State Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense (USAMRICD)

<http://chemdef.apgea.army.mil/>

USAMRICD Chemical Casualty Care Division (CCCD) <http://ccc.apgea.army.mil/>

The NBC Medical Defense Information Server <http://www.nbc-med.org/ie40/Default.html>

Johns Hopkins University Center for Civilian Biodefense Studies

<http://www.hopkins-biodefense.org/>

USAMRIID - Infectious Diseases Related Links

<http://www.usamriid.army.mil/links/index.html>

Bioterrorism (American College of Physicians & American Society of Internal Medicine)

<http://www.acponline.org/bioterro/>

Facility Security and Chem-Bio Handbooks Provide Good Source of Information

Jane's Information Group publishes two handbooks which can serve as excellent reference sources for emergency responders and/or other officials. Jane's Facility Security handbook (cost: \$33.00 each) conveys protective measures and planning for facilities against terrorism and violent crimes. The CHEM-BIO handbook (cost: \$20-\$32.50 each, depending on quantity ordered) provides step-by-step information on critical treatment procedures in the aftermath of a chemical or biological weapons attack. They are available through the following address: Jane's Information Group, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 300, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314-1651. The phone is 703-683-3700. E-Mail: www.janes.com.

Emergency Response to Terrorism (ERT) Job Aid

This weather proof aid was developed by the National Fire Academy (NFA). The document is intended to support, not replace, the training messages of the ERT NFA curriculum. It is not a training manual, but a "memory jogger" for those who have completed the appropriate level of training. The job aid is available free of charge from the USFA Publications Center to response organizations ordering 5 or fewer copies. Anything over 5 copies cost \$6.50 each. Other organizations and individuals may order one free copy. The aid can be purchased used Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) funds. For more information, log-on at www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/tr ssadd.htm.